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Kim Cattrall, Jonathan Demme, Michael Kaplan and Milcho Manchevski to attend 2nd Aruba International Film Festival



Jonathan Demme

ORANJESTAD -- It was announced yestertoday that Golden Globe Award-winning actress Kim Cattrall ("Sex in the City" franchise, "Big Trouble in Little China," "Meet Monica Velour"), Oscar-winning director Jonathan Demme ("The Silence of the Lambs,"

director Milcho Manchevski ("Before the Rain," "Mothers") will be attending the 2nd Annual Aruba International Film Festival (AIFF). In addition, the special guests will participate in the Festival's "In Conversation With" series engaging the Festival audience. The announcement

"The Manchurian Mandate"), B A F T A F i l m Award-winning Hollywood wardrobe designer Michael Kaplan ("Blade Runner," "Burlesque," "Fight Club") and Academy Award-nominated

was made by AIFF Founders and Producers Giuseppe Cioccarelli and Jonathan Vieira and Artist Director Claudio Masenza. This year's Festival takes place June 10-16, 2011.

Cattrall will kick-off the Festival's opening night Red Carpet on Friday, June 10, 2011 at Paseo Herencia, and the "In Conversation With" series on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Demme will begin his series on June 12, 2011. Kaplan and Manchevski's dates will be announced later this month.

Cattrall's impressive cross-platform acting career has included film, stage and television, and she is a New York Times best-selling author. The most substantial work Cattrall has contributed to entertainment and pop culture has been her role of Samantha Jones on HBO's "Sex and the City" franchise. Cattrall has been celebrated and recognized for her work

in the series with a Golden Globe, two SAG Awards, and five Emmy Award nominations.

Demme, winner of an Oscar for best director for "The Silence of the Lambs," is a critically acclaimed helmer of character-driven films that includes "Philadelphia," "The Manchurian Candidate" and "Rachel

Getting Married," just to name a few. "The Silence of the Lambs" became one of only three films to win Academy Awards in all five major Oscar categories and cemented his reputation as being one of the most versatile and accomplished filmmakers of his day. The New York native is currently in production for his animation drama "Zeitoun."

Since 1981, Kaplan's impeccable work as a wardrobe designer won him accolades for Best Costume Design by the 1983 British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards for his costume design work in "Blade Runner," the first theatrically-released film he worked on as a costume designer. He went on to become a nominee in the Costume Designers Guild Awards 1999 and the Costume Designers Guild Awards 2005 in the category of Excellence in Costume Design for Film - Contemporary for his costume designs for "Fight Club" and "Mr. &



Kim Cattrall

Mrs. Smith," respectively.

Kaplan most recently worked on the Golden Globe Award-winning musical "Burlesque," starring Christina Aguilera and Cher. His contribution to this film landed him a 2nd Costume Designers Guild Award nomination for "Excellence In Contemporary Film."

Yugoslavian director Manchevski wrote and helmed the feature films "Before the Rain" (1994), "Dust" (2001), "Shadows" (2007) and "Mothers" (2010), which collectively earned him an Academy-Award nomination, over thirty awards, and screenings at more than a hundred festivals, and have been distributed in close to 50 countries (theatrically, TV, cable and video).

Rapper, actor and multi-tiered business mogul Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson will also be attending AIFF for the red carpet Caribbean premiere of his latest feature film "Things Fall Apart."



SERBIA, Belgrade -- AFP photo shows a Serbian woman lighting a candle placed on a symbolic red ribbon in remembrance of individuals who lost their lives to AIDS in Belgrade, yesterday. Since 1983, the world has been celebrating AIDS Candlelight Memorial in order to remember and honor those who have passed away due to AIDS and also to eradicate stigma and discrimination through education, advocacy and partnership.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Princess Maxima of the Netherlands turns 40 tomorrow

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- Princess Maxima celebrates her 40th birthday tomorrow, sparking a spate of media attention.

Nos television will broadcast a documentary on the princess this evening. The public broadcaster has followed the princess since last September, both in her official role and with her family.

At the Het Loo palace in Apeldoorn is a special exhibition devoted to the 10 years Maxima has spent in the Netherlands since her marriage to crown prince Willem-Alexander.

Recently, the Dutch government said it plans to hold to the custom of addressing the king's wife as "queen." This means that when Crown Prince Willem-



Princess Maxima of the Netherlands

Alexander succeeds Queen Beatrix, Princess Máxima will automatically become queen.

Dutch Foreign Minister Uri Rosenthal made the an-

Sworn in as president, Martelly vows to 'change Haiti'

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) -- Newly sworn-in President Michel Martelly vowed Saturday to "change Haiti," promising to restore order and confidence in a country struggling to emerge from one of the most destructive earthquakes of modern times.

"This is a new Haiti, open for business now," Martelly declared, standing before the ruins of the country's presidential palace as thousands outside its wrought iron gates cheered him on.

Speaking in French and Creole, he pledged to restore security for investors, end political instability, and foster development "so we can emerge from our misery."

"We are going to change

nouncement in response to calls by three Dutch opposition parties break with this tradition. Labour, Green Left and the Animal Rights Party argued that the custom was a form of discrimination, since the spouses of queens are not addressed as "king."

The husbands of Queen Beatrix (Prince Claus) and Queen Juliana (Prince Bernhard) never became king but held the title of prince-consort, since the title "king" would imply that they were the most powerful person in the country. This tradition is also upheld by other European monarchies.

Mr Rosenthal said the government sees no reason to break with tradition. He pointed out that Máxima would not be queen in the same sense as Queen Beatrix but that she will nevertheless be addressed as "queen."

Haiti," he promised.

As a reminder of the monumental task ahead of Martelly, the toppled white dome of the presidential palace could be seen peeping over the grandstand from which he addressed foreign and Haitian dignitaries, and the many poor, young Haitians who elected him March 20.

Much of the capital was levelled in a 7.0 magnitude quake in January 2010 that killed more than 225,000 people and left one in seven Haitians homeless, a devastating disaster for a country was already the poorest in the Americas.

"The march to victory will be long and painful," Martelly acknowledged.

Air France Rio crash: Report not expected before 2012

PARIS, France -- Investigators have said they expect their report into the cause of the 2009 Air France disaster over the Atlantic to be ready no sooner than early 2012.

Speaking in Paris, they said it could take months to interpret data from the flight recorders, which were finally fished from the sea last month.

The boxes, preserved in demineralised water, were displayed before being taken away for examination.

Some 50 bodies remain at the crash site, the investigators said.

Flight AF 447 went down on 1 June, 2010, after running into an intense high-altitude thunderstorm, four hours into a flight from Rio de Janeiro in Brazil to Paris.

Those on board came from more than 30 countries,



though most were French, Brazilian or German.

The wreckage of the plane was discovered after a search of 10,000 sq km (3,860 sq miles) of sea floor.

Extradition treaty could allow Van der Sloot to return to Holland

LIMA, Peru -- An extradition treaty signed last week between the Netherlands and Peru could open the door for Joran Van der Sloot to return to his native country if convicted in the death of a 21-year-old Peruvian woman.

A spokesman with Peru's foreign ministry, Gonzalo Portals Zubieta, said on the weekend that the treaty -- which allows some Dutch nationals sentenced to time in Peru to serve their sentences in Europe, with the inverse for Peruvians convicted in Holland -- has nothing to do with Van der Sloot, specifically. Still, the suspect's attorney acknowledged it could affect him.

"Joran knows about the treaty," said Maximo Altez,

the lawyer who is representing Van der Sloot in Peru. "Whether he requests an extradition will depend on his sentence."



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Savaneta Camp Marines Engaged in Community Work



In Aruba it is customary for our military men to do volunteer social work without this getting much attention from the community. This is due to the special bond that exists between the Marines and the local community developed over the years. For this reason, when word came that the Netherlands had plans to close down the military base here, everyone reacted with dismay and wanted to insist that our military base in Savaneta not be part of the Netherlands' austerity measures....that the base must remain intact.

After much lobbying from Aruba's Prime Minister and insistence from the Aruba government, we are fortunate that the Netherlands decided finally to keep their military base in Aruba open. The Aruban people felt a sense of relief to learn that the base will remain intact. On the traditional 1st of May holiday, the Savaneta Marine Camp held its annual "Open Dag" and thousands of residents flocked to the camp grounds. It is obvious that the Dutch marines are delighted to be here, and that Aruba is happy to have them.

During the last two days of last week, the Savaneta Camp Marines were engaged in their usual community service. This time it was a paint job at the EPB San Nicolaas, where they painted, and later the yard of Graf von Zinzendorf School which got a thorough clean up. This job required as many as 60 of our military men. At the EPB School they succeeded in painting a major section of the school. The Marine Camp came up with Afl.2000 to cover the cost of the paint, while the school paid for the remaining material to complete the job.

The Aruba Prime Minister, Mike Eman, who is a staunch supporter of community service and volunteer work, paid the Marines a personal visit to motivate them and show his personal appreciation for their voluntary service. He visited them at both schools.

Director Elvis Lopez of EPB San Nicolaas said that he was especially appreciative of the tremendous initiative of our marines. He indicated that their work was a tremendous assistance to the school and at the same

time proved to enhance the appearance of the school.

Director of the school's foundation, Mrs. Van Helvoort also expressed her appreciation for the excellent work of the marines. She said, that "...if we all put our shoulders together, we can achieve much work."

At the Graf von Zinzendorf school the children were very excited with the presence of our military men. They made a complete clean up of the school grounds including cutting trees, repairing benches and broken chairs. The very grateful school Head, Mr. Koole and Mrs. Chikita Boekhoudt of the Kindergarten section guided the children in the production of an interesting memento in the form of a heart full of



Arubas P.M. Mike Eman doing the rounds together with EPB San.Nicolaas Director Elvis Lopez and lieutenant Teixeira of the Marines Camp.

stars and a lovely collage for our military volunteers to show their gratitude for the voluntary work performed at their schools.

The voluntary work project was under the guidance

of three project officers: lieutenant Teixeira, Major van Dijk and Sergeant Major Polderdijk. No doubt a tremendous initiative greatly appreciated by all.



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Peru's Fujimori leads Humala in presidential poll



Keiko Fujimori

LIMA, Peru — Right-wing lawmaker Keiko Fujimori's lead over leftist Ollanta Humala appears to be growing ahead of Peru's June 5 presidential run-off, polls by survey firms Ipsos and CPI showed yesterday.

The nationwide Ipsos

poll, published in newspaper El Comercio, showed Fujimori getting 51.1 percent of the vote and Humala with 48.9 percent when blank and null ballots were excluded in a voting simulation organized by pollsters.

The Ipsos survey polled 2,005 people May 7-13 and has a 2.2 point margin of error.

Four polls in the past week have shown Fujimori, the daughter of jailed former President Alberto Fujimori, ahead of Humala, though in most cases her lead has been within the margin of error.

Carefully groomed men compete for top facial hair honours

AFP photos show contestants showing off their facial hair in the The World Beard and Moustache Championships 2011 held on Trondheim, Norway. The event is a biannual contest pitting competitors against one another in 17 different official categories. More than 100 men, some who have spent hours manicuring their facial hair, participated in the weekend event.



Karl-Heinz Hille of Germany smiles



(L-R) Germany's Gerhard Knapp, Dieter Besuch and Peter Weiss.



A Swiss participant



Partial Beard Freestyle participant, Bill Mitchell of USA



Manfred Janssen presents his trophy after winning the first prize in the category "Moustache - Dali" of the International German Beard Championships in Hesel 2006



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Edwin Ortiz, ten years at the helm of Frangipani Restaurant



The Turtle's Nest & Frangipani Restaurants at Costa Linda Beach Resort have served resort guests and their family member since the resort's opening day. In the last decade, a gentleman who embodies the spirit of service at the restaurants is Edwin Ortiz who is celebrating his tenth year anniversary at the helm at Costa Linda.

Edwin shares the responsibility for management with

fellow colleague Shanella Paulina during the restaurant's hours of operations, and actively pursue total guest satisfaction for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Edwin who studied Hotel Management in his native Colombia, South America, started his hospitality career at Costa Linda Beach Resort as Night Auditor. His exceptional gift of communication quickly moved him up the

executive ladder from his job during off hours, to a more visible position during the resort's busiest hours. Edwin then continued to distinguish himself when he worked as a bartender in the lobby bar, talking to guests and forging long-lasting connections with the resort's owners.

For the past few years as the evening manager of the Food & Beverage operation Edwin pays special attention to dinner, making it as tropical and romantic as possible with the garden set-up of the Frangipani, while the Turtle's Nest Restaurant is closed for renovations. "We welcome timeshare owners home," Edwin says, "with a great appreciation, we are here to serve them, and we hope they find our food selection refreshing and reflective of their special needs, wishes and desires."

Edwin loves to promote the restaurant's BBQ Night on Tuesday, serving dinner hot off the grill under the stars, *al fresco*, "it doesn't get any better than that," he promises.

Ajax wins Holland's national soccer championship, also in Aruba



Ajax has won the title of Dutch national soccer champion over FC Twente yesterday. It was a sizzling match, which showed the outsider team in one of its best matches in many years. Fast-paced and accurate in its passes, Ajax was by far the best team on the field. The first half saw a goal by Siem de Jong (Ajax) - the second half was hardly a few minutes old when Theo Janssen (FC Twente) made an autogoal, resulting in a 2-0 score for Ajax; in the same minute, however, Danny Landzaat corrected Twente's mistake with a fantas-

tic goal. De Jong's final goal later in the match decided Ajax' victory (3-1) and made them Holland's national champion.

On Aruba the match was watched live at various caf  s and restaurants, among them Buster's Garage and Cafe the Plaza, where a good group of Twente fans had gathered to cheer for their team. They were disappointed at the end result, but filled with the good feeling of having watched a great match.

Photo shows fans during the outstanding match.

Sci-Tech



ZAVENTEM, Belgium (AFP) -- The Solar Impulse solar-powered aircraft is seen approaching the runway for its landing at Brussels Airport in Zaventem, on May 13, 2011, after making its first international flight. The pioneering Swiss aircraft, operating fully on solar energy, took off from the Payerne airfield in Switzerland on Friday morning at around 6 a.m.

Salmon swim again in Czech Elbe river

JETRICHOVICE, The Czech Republic (AFP) -- Salmon are flashing silver again in the Elbe river and its many tributaries in the Czech Republic as the waterway slowly bounces back from four decades of communist-era pollution.

"The salmon symbolizes the remarkable efforts that are needed today to put right the sins committed by our predecessors," says Tomas Salov, a wildlife manager at the "Czech Switzerland" national park.

"Today, this fish is the flagship of our reintroduction programs," Salov told AFP in the

village of Jetrichovice, tucked away in the mountains of the northern Czech Republic.

Salmon is considered a "bio-indicator" whose presence in the river suggests improved water purity.

Once abundant in the Elbe, the fish vanished from the picturesque waterway after World War II as communist-era heavy industry dumped tons of toxic waste into it between 1948-1989, making it a stinking sewer in some areas.

Salmon were last recorded in the Czech part of the 1,165-kilometer (724-mile)-long Elbe river in 1954.

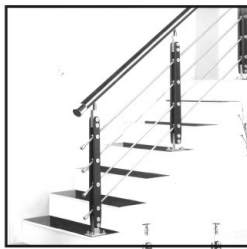


RENNES, FRANCE -- AFP photo shows people competing in the 44th Rock'n'Solex race on May 13, 2011 in Rennes, western France. Alongside a music festival, the event hosted by Rennes Insa (National Institute for applied sciences) University features three days of racing on France's iconic two-stroke engine 'Solex' mopeds.

The Solex is a powered bicycle, not a moped. It was invented in 1946 in France, as a low cost, reliable transport for a decimated country. It is a classic design which, since its invention, has sold over 8 million, mainly in Europe and Scandinavia. They have a tremendous reputation for being fun, reliable and economic.

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Extreme makeover: are humans reshaping Earth?



A heavily polluted city

LONDON, England (AFP) -- If alien geologists were to visit our planet 10 million years from now, would they discern a distinct human fingerprint in Earth's accumulating layers of rock and sediment?

Will homo sapiens, in other words, define a geological period in the way dinosaurs -- and their vanishing act -- helped mark the Jurassic and the Cretaceous?

A growing number of scientists, some gathered at a one-day symposium last week at the British Geological Society in London, say "yes".

One among them, chemistry Nobel laureate Paul Crutzen, has even suggested a new name: the Anthropocene.

Whether this "age of man" will be short or long is unknown, says Crutzen, who shared his Nobel for unmasking the man-made chemicals eating away at the atmosphere's protective ozone layer.

For the first time in Earth's 4.7 billion year history, a single species has not only radically changed Earth's morphology, chemistry and biology, it is now aware of having done so.

"We broke it, we bought it, we own it," is how Erle Ellis, a

professor of geography and ecology at the University of Maryland at Baltimore, put it.

"We don't know what is going to happen in the Anthropocene -- it could be good, even better," he said. "But we need to think differently and globally, to take ownership of the planet."

Dinosaurs were most likely wiped out by a giant meteor that cooled Earth's temperatures below their threshold for survival.

An analogous fate could await humans if temperatures climb by five or six degrees Celsius, which climate scientists say could happen within a century.

But dinosaurs thrived for more than 150 million years before a cosmic pebble ended their extraordinary run, while

modern humans have only been around for about 200,000 years, a snap of the fingers by comparison.

Another key difference: dinosaurs didn't know what hit them, and played no role in their own demise.

Humans, by contrast, have been the main architects of the enormous changes that are threatening to throw what scientists now call the Earth System out of whack.

Since Crutzen coined the term a decade ago, the Anthropocene has been eagerly adopted by scientists across a broad spectrum of disciplines.

"It triggered the realisation that we were in an entirely new era of planet Earth," said Will Steffen, head of Australian National University's Climate Change Institute.



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Health & Living

Ebola virus case reported near Uganda's capital

KAMPALA, Uganda (AFP) — Initial test results indicate that a 12-year-old girl died of the deadly Ebola virus in a town about 35 kilometres (22 miles) north of Kampala, health officials told AFP on week-end.

Preliminary testing carried out at the Uganda Virus Research Institute showed that the girl died from the virus on May 6 at Bombo hospital, said Dr Miriam Nanyunja, disease prevention and control officer for the World Health Organisation in Uganda.

"She came into the hospital and died a few hours later," Nanyunja said. "They tested for Ebola and the confirmatory result came out yesterday."

Nanyunja said that health officials were currently looking for more cases in the area and planned to set up an isolation unit at Bombo hospital in anticipation of new patients.

Ugandan director general of health services Dr Nathan Mugisha confirmed the preliminary results and said that

a taskforce was meeting on Saturday to work out how to deal with any potential outbreak.

"So far it is only preliminary test results and there is a meeting in progress," Mugisha told AFP.

The rare haemorrhagic disease, named after a small river in neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo, killed 37 people in western Uganda in 2007 and claimed the lives of at least 170 people in the north of the country in 2000.

Even a Little Exercise May Protect Against Colon Polyps

-- Even a little exercise may ward off polyps in the colon, which are sometimes precursors to cancer.

In fact, just an hour a week of low-intensity exercise -- even such seemingly trivial activities as walking on the street or climbing stairs -- reduced risk, especially among individuals who are obese or overweight, according to new research slated to be presented at Digestive Disease Week in Chicago.

The findings are not really new, just confirmatory of what doctors have been urging all along: get out and move, not just to prevent polyps but to prevent a whole host of diseases.

"Exercise is a good thing," said Dr. David Weinberg, chairman of medicine at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. "It matters in sick people and black people and skinny people and overweight people."

"African-Americans are disproportionately impacted by colon cancer. Even within our own sample, blacks had the highest prevalence of polyps and adenomas [benign tumors that can become cancerous]," said study author Dr. Nelson Sanchez. "Overweight and obese people are another segment of the population that is at increased risk of colon cancer and colon polyps."

This study included almost 1,000 patients of different ethnic and racial groups: 56.8 percent were Hispanic, 20.6 percent were Asian, 15.2 percent were black and 7 percent were white. The participants were middle-aged and at no increased risk for colon cancer or polyps. About two-thirds were overweight and about half exercised for at least an hour a week.

After performing screening colonoscopies, the researchers determined that people who exercised one or more hours a week had a 25.3 percent risk of polyps, versus 33.2 percent for those who didn't meet this exercise threshold.

The hour of weekly exercise lowered the risk of adenomas in people who were overweight and who were black. The risk of cancer was also lowered in black study participants.

"Nobody knows why there's a benefit from exercise," Weinberg said. "You can come up with a couple of reasonable hypotheses. Is it because you're altering some important set of biological pathways? There's a lot of data that link obesity and polyps. Does that operate through insulin and insulin growth factors?"

Now the job is to determine exactly which exercises are the most beneficial, he said.

US warns of fake antibiotics aimed at Hispanics

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Fake drugs with names that resemble kids' antibiotics are being sold in Texas pharmacies, mainly to Spanish speakers, and have caused several hospitalizations, according to US officials.

The US Food and Drug Administration issued a warning to consumers urging them not to use the "illegal products," after the Texas state health department said they had been linked to several hospitalizations.

"The FDA is warning consumers not to use products marketed as dietary supplements that also claim to be antimicrobial (antibiotic,

antifungal or antiviral) drugs," the federal regulatory agency said.

"These illegal products are falsely promoted with claims to treat illnesses such as upper respiratory infections, sinusitis, pneumonia, bronchitis and the common cold," it added.

The products carry labels that are similar to drugs sold in Mexico and "are marketed specifically to the Hispanic community."

The over-the-counter products have made their way into pharmacies statewide, said the Texas Department of State Health Services.

"DSHS officials are concerned that people taking the products believe they will provide the beneficial health effects of an antibiotic drug," said a statement from the Texas health department.

"The products do not appear to have any active drug ingredients and are not approved to treat medical conditions."

They come in syrup, ointment, capsule and drinkable forms, and have names like Amoxilina, Pentrexilina, Ampitrexyl, Citricillin, Amoximiel and Pentreximil.

Officials learned of the situation after a hospital in Austin, Texas reported treating "several patients whose parents mistakenly believed they



had been treating their children with an antibiotic," it said.

Health authorities say illness and infections can get worse if antibiotics are needed but delayed, and urge consumers to seek a doctor's help if they are sick and think they need drug treatment.

"The maker of these products has no scruples and is preying upon parents of children to make a quick buck," said Marv Shepard, head of the Partnership for Safe Medicines, a consumer group that is seeking to publicize the problem. "They use deception and jeopardize the health of children."

Texas's health department, which first issued its statement in late April, said it is "working with other agencies, including the US Food and Drug Administration, to investigate product origin, distribution, labeling and advertising."

Stores are being urged to remove the products from their shelves.



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SINGAPORE, Singapore : A participant strikes a pose during a female-only mass yoga event in Singapore on May 15, 2011. Two hundreds women participated in Singapore's first women-only mass yoga event called Shape Yoga in the city to promote an active and healthy lifestyle amongst busy female urbanites.

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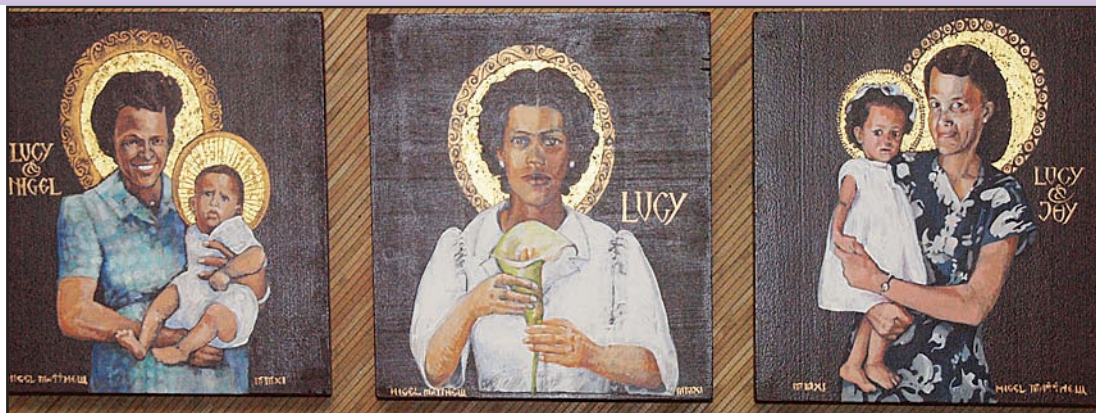
Noted artist Nigel Matthew examines “Roots, Religion & Reptiles” at Westin Gallery



Nigel Matthew with gallery owner Jan

The Westin Art Gallery was proud to unveil the first solo exposition by highly respected local artist, teacher and the creator of many of Aruba's most beautiful collectable stamps, Nigel Matthew, this past Saturday, May 14. This is a landmark occasion for the gallery and this greatly admired member of Aruba's art community, as his career as a teacher and artist spans over 40 years, often participating in group exhibits, but never with a solo show.

The collection of entirely new works was more than a year in the making; Nigel reports he is grateful to Westin



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Gallery curators Eefje and Jan van der Straten for “keeping the pressure on” for him to produce the collection, “I work best under pressure,” he confessed.

“I was intrigued by a recent discovery of an old family album,” explains the artist regarding a departure from his usual style in a number of the works, “I challenged myself to allow my new ‘discovery’ to be the source of inspiration for my first solo expo.”

“It was a great challenge to create works of art that could reflect not only my ethical background but also my art skill. For this reason I chose an old art form, the painting of religious wooden panels. I wanted to create a modern “iconic art” which could embrace the same devotion and richness of Greek and Russian Orthodox icons. Being brought up in a rather conservative Roman Catholic society, religion, with its elaborate symbolism and rituals, always played a great role in my childhood fantasies.”

Nigel's new collection also demonstrates a life long fascination with shells and lizards; he plays with shapes, colors and textures inserting these objects as a replacement for many religious symbols. One particularly series of six paintings depict the common reptilian visitors who often peek into Nigel's studio while he works, becoming an expression of his love of his native island, as well.

The current show at the Westin Gallery, located just off the main lobby of the resort, will be on display 24 hours a day seven days a week until June 10th. A gallery representative is present one Wednesday and Friday afternoons to discuss acquiring a painting, or contact information is posted in the gallery for anyone interested.

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Nigel's son Tim with all the grandchildren.



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Some discussions are already under way on the different projects which will be assisted with the donated money. The main focus is the purchase of durable informative material explaining with issues of autism and education. One main topic among families dealing with autism is education and communication between school and parents. Where does an autistic child get more attention according to his/her learning capacity? What can a teacher do to better help an autistic student? Those are key questions that, with the help of structured information, can give support to and benefit any autistic person in the long run.

The amount of the donation depends on the participation of bikers. The run is on May 29 and starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Olde Molen (Old

Mill) finishing at 6:00 PM at the same location with entertainment by Claudius Phillips.



To kick-off the ride, there will be a bike show on May 28 at the Old Dutch Cafe with musical entertainment to delight all present.

Inscription for the Cascabel Motorcycle Group Ride is May 27 at the Olde Molen; fee is Afls. 50 p.p. It includes a souvenir bag engraved with the new logo especially designed to commemorate a weekend packed with action. There will be prizes and ac-

tivities to entertain all participants during the ride, giving bikers the opportunity to contribute to a good cause.

All bikers and motorcycle groups are cordially invited to contact Mr. Kenneth Rasmijn at tel. 592-9410 for more information.

FAA Project Coordinator Natasha Richardson, in name of the Board of Directors, employees and volunteers, extends a heartfelt thank you to Cascabel Motorcycle Group and all bikers for their enthusiasm in giving back to the community, especially those in need. She also invites everyone to visit their website www.autismoaruba.org to stay updated on the latest development of FAA and what it has to offer regarding autism and the Aruban community.



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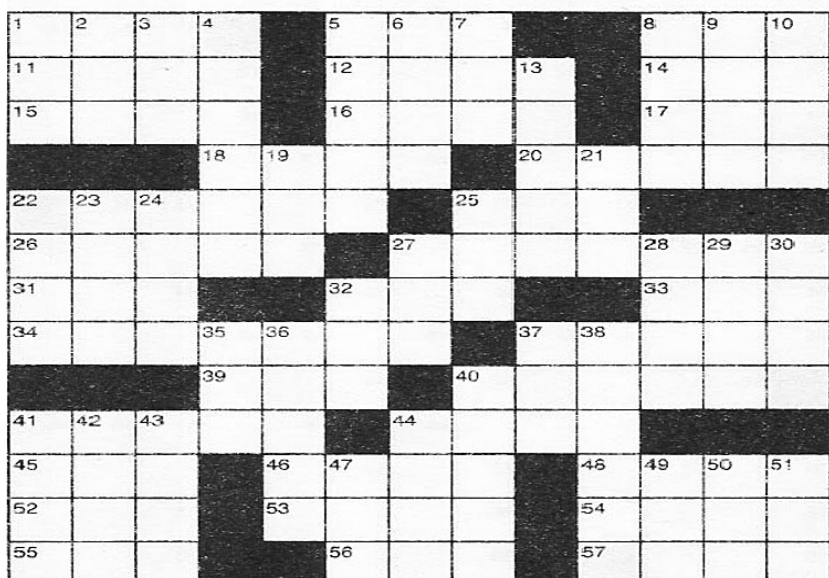
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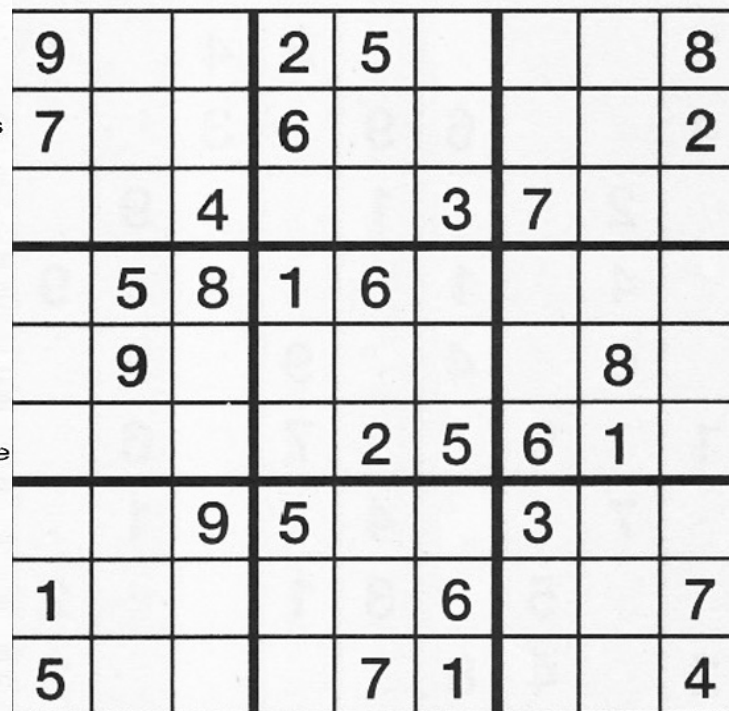
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IMF chief charged with sex assault, rape attempt



NEW YORK, (AFP) - IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn was charged Sunday with the sexual assault and attempted rape of a New York chambermaid, a scandal which could derail his hopes of running for French president.

The charges included "criminal sexual act, unlawful imprisonment, attempted rape" and "assaulting a 32-year-old girl in a hotel room," police spokesman Ryan Sesa told reporters.

The IMF chief, who was expected to be formally arraigned before a New York judge later Sunday, would deny everything, his lawyer said. "He will plead not guilty," the lawyer William Taylor told AFP.

And his wife, a high-profile television journalist Anne Sinclair, said she did not believe the accusations against her 62-year-old husband.

"I do not believe for one second the accusations brought against my husband. I have no doubt his innocence will be established," Sinclair said in a statement sent to AFP.

The IMF chief was arrested, charged by New York police and held overnight in New York City's Harlem neighborhood, at a special unit for sexual harassment, after a maid at the top class Sofitel hotel alleged he had assaulted her

when he got out of his shower naked.

From early Sunday a media gaggle gathered outside the police station, and there was a buzz as a young blonde woman wrapped in what appeared to be a white sheet was driven into the building. It was not known immediately who she was.

Strauss-Kahn, who has been widely praised for his stewardship of the IMF, is a leading member of the Socialist party and well-known on the French political scene. He is often referred to simply by his initials DSK.

He had been expected to challenge center-right French President Nicolas Sarkozy in next year's presidential race, and even though he has not yet officially declared his candidacy he had been topping the opinion polls.

The bombshell news threw the Socialist party into disarray, and could prove a boost for Sarkozy and his rightwing UMP which is also facing a challenge from the far-right National Front and its leader Marine Le Pen.

The scandal comes at a critical moment for the 187-member IMF, which as one of the pillars of the world's financial system, has been leading negotiations to help the debt-ridden euro zone.

Money-hungry US to hit borrowing cap



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The debt-laden US government's credit card will hit its limit today, creating a cash crunch that puts the country's credit standing at risk as politicians battle over its long-term deficit.

US President Barack Obama warned if no deal is brokered on raising the \$14.29 trillion debt ceiling set by Congress then the United States risked plunging back into recession.

"If investors around the world thought that the full faith and credit of the United States was not being backed up, if they thought that we might renege on our IOUs, it

could unravel the entire financial system," Obama warned at a CBS town hall meeting broadcast on Sunday.

"We could have a worse recession than we already had. A worse financial crisis than we already had."

Reaching the debt ceiling will not have an immediate impact on government finances, because the Treasury has found about 10 weeks of wiggle-room in short-term adjustments and an unexpected April jump in tax revenues.

But with Republicans refusing to increase the ceiling without massive future spending cuts, the longer the fight over bridging the country's deficit goes on, the higher the stakes will get.

If nothing is done by about August 2, there is a chance the United States, which has always merited a top-grade credit rating, could do the unthinkable -- default on its debt payments.

Few think it will get that far, as the White House leads

behind-the-scenes talks on a grand strategy on the deficit.

Republican Speaker John Boehner said Sunday he was ready to cut a deal over raising the US debt ceiling, but he has called for trillions, rather than billions, in spending cuts.

Meanwhile, the government has to bridge a monthly funding deficit of \$120 billion.

The ceiling has been raised or lowered 74 times in the last 50 years, usually without political acrimony. But Republicans have drawn a line in the sand over the issue this time.

The International Monetary Fund has urged the country to "urgently" address its problems, casting doubt on its resolve.

But bond markets -- usually the first sign of concern over a country's financial health -- have actually moved in the other direction, with yields on US debt falling last week, mainly as money moved out of falling commodities and stocks.

Obama warns on debt ceiling risk

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He told CBS's "Face The

Nation" program Sunday that he believed it would be necessary to raise the debt ceiling, but added it would have to be done so in a way "that addresses America's long-term fiscal challenges."

"We have a moment, a window of opportunity to act. Because if we don't act, the markets are going to act for us."

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Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and



tually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-

those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will even-

market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as



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The farm also imports pupae, so often you can see the butterflies breaking out of their chrysalis or perhaps the largest such creature, the Atlas Moth, fresh from its cocoon. This amazing insect lives only five days, so be on the lookout for this rare treat!

Aside from the inventory of live butterflies, the farm houses a gift shop which boasts the largest collection of butterfly souvenirs, jewelry and knick-knacks to be gathered in one place. If you are a fan of anything with butterflies, you are bound to find a beautiful memento of your visit, or a treasured gift.

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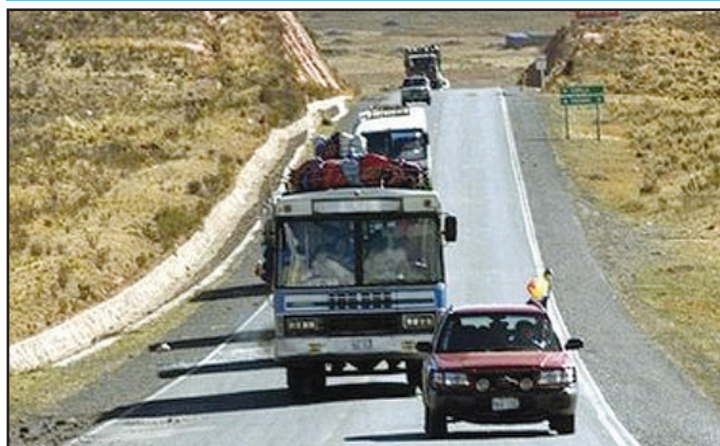
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10-year-old Bolivian seeking mom ends up in Chile



Highway outside La Paz, Bolivia

SANTIAGO, Chile (AFP) — A 10-year-old Bolivian boy who hid on a truck in an effort to visit his mother who had just been released from prison ended up in Chile after an unexpected 500-kilometer (300-mile) trek through the Andes mountains, officials said.

The boy, identified as Franklin Vilca, ended up Saturday in the Chilean city of Iquique, some 1,800 kilometers (1,100 miles) north of Santiago, after a three-day journey without food or water in the compartment of a truck carrying minerals.

"I just wanted to see my mother," the boy told Chilean television TVN.

The boy got on the truck in the Bolivian town of Oruro thinking it would take him to Cochabamba, where his mother had been incarcerated.

He ended up going in the wrong direction, on a route over mountains 3,000 meters (10,000 feet) above level sea.

Franklin got off the truck and wandered the streets of the Chilean town of Alto Hospicio, on the outskirts of Iquique, where a woman named Margarita Flores took him home.

"I am a mother, and maybe his mother is suffering," she told local media.

The child was turned over to police but a court in Iquique decided to allow him to stay with the woman's family until he can be returned to Bolivian authorities.

Even though the boy's mother had been released from prison she was under a court order not to leave the country. Bolivian diplomats said they will send an official to Iquique to deliver documents confirming the mother's identity, the first step to having Chile return him.

The boy's mother however managed to talk to her son on the telephone.

"I want to see you," Franklin told her, in an exchange broadcast on the Bolivian television network ATB. "I just wanted to go to Cochabamba -- hurry up and come pick me up, mommy!"

"I was in jail but I'm out now," his mother replied, choking on tears. "You won't be left with your father or your brothers any more, you'll be with me, by dear son."

Azerbaijan in first-ever Eurovision triumph



Eldar Kasimov and Nigyar Djamal of Ell/Nikki representing Azerbaijan celebrate with the trophy after winning the 56th Eurovision Song Contest
AFP/Photo

BAKU, Azerbaijan (AFP) — Azerbaijan on Sunday revelled in its first Eurovision Song Contest win, hoping the victory will transform the image of an ex-Soviet state until now known as an energy exporter on Europe's fringe.

Tradition dictates that Azerbaijani duo Ell and Nikki's triumph in the annual pop extravaganza will bring the contest to Baku next year -- one of the biggest events in the mainly Muslim country's history since independence in 1991.

The win was portrayed as national triumph by the main television channels in the small, relatively young state wedged between Iran, Russia and Turkey that went through war and political conflict after the Soviet collapse.

"It's a great victory for Azerbaijani culture," said a report by the public broadcaster after Ell and Nikki's English-language love song "Running Scared" was voted the best of 25 competitors at the final in Dusseldorf, Germany.

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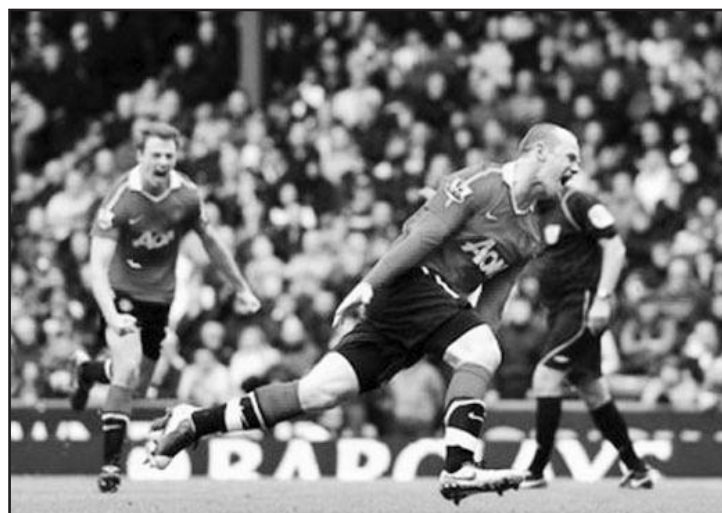
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Rooney seals record-breaking United title triumph



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney celebrates scoring his penalty

LONDON (AFP) — Wayne Rooney scored the goal that gave Manchester United a record 19th English title in a 1-1 draw away to Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park on week-end.

United needed just a point from this game to regain the Premier League title from Chelsea and they got it when England striker Rooney scored from the penalty spot

17 minutes from time after Rovers keeper Paul Robinson brought down Javier Hernandez.

Australia's Brett Emerton had fired Rovers, still not certain of top-flight survival, into a 20th minute lead before Rooney settled United's nerves with a powerful spot-kick.

The result gave United, now in sole possession of a

record they had shared with arch-rivals Liverpool an unassailable seven-point lead at the top of the English Premier League table, with closest pursuers Chelsea only able to win a maximum of six points from their two remaining matches.

"I was terrified, the ref took a long time to give it," Rooney told Sky Sports in relation to the penalty.

"I had to compose myself, I'd been practising all week."

Rooney, who earlier in the season stunned United by handing in a transfer request, added: "After the year I've had, with the ups and downs, this is for the fans and the team."

United's latest triumph gave both manager Sir Alex Ferguson and Ryan Giggs a 12th English title.

Asked about suggestions the current team was not as good as previous United sides, he added: "We're champions and in the Champions League. We're rubbish aren't we?"

West Ham relegated from Premier League



Wigan Athletic's Irish striker Conor Sammon celebrates scoring the second goal during their English Premier League football match

LONDON (AFP) — West Ham were relegated from the English Premier League after squandering a 2-0 lead in a 3-2 defeat away to fellow strugglers Wigan on Sunday.

Demba Ba's first half double gave West Ham hope in a match they had to win to set up a chance of a last day reprieve against Sunderland next weekend.

But Wigan, who stayed second bottom, hit back through Charles N'Zogbia's blistering 57th minute free-kick before substitute Conor Sammon drew the hosts level at the DW Stadium 11 minutes later.

N'Zogbia then sealed Wigan's remarkable recovery in stoppage time when he slid a shot under the body of England goalkeeper Robert Green, who had previously made several fine saves.

Defeat left the Hammers on 33 points, meaning a win against Sunderland would not be enough for the London club to climb out of the relegation zone.

Wigan though could yet avoid the drop if they get a draw or better against Stoke and other results go their way.

Golfer Clarke inspired by Seve in Mallorca triumph



Ryder Cup veteran Darren Clarke, pictured in 2010,

MALLORCA, Spain (AFP) — Darren Clarke overcame a four-shot deficit to win the Iberdrola Open on Sunday and dedicated his 13th European Tour title to the memory of golf legend Seve Ballesteros.

The Northern Irishman, 42, carded a final-round 69 for a six-under-par total for the tournament, three ahead of the English duo of Chris Wood, who had led after the second and third rounds, and David Lynn.

"We wouldn't be here without Seve, simple as that," said Clarke of the great Spaniard who lost his long battle with cancer last week-end. "The European Tour would not be in the position it is today without Seve."

"He was the first man to do so many things and make so many breakthroughs that we have all followed, so to win in

his homeland in the week that he passed away is a real honour."

Clarke, the Ryder Cup vice-captain, had reduced his overnight four-shot deficit to one within three holes, but a double bogey at the 11th after finding water looked to have cost him a first win since the 2008 Dutch Open.

But he recovered in style, holing a putt from the fringe at the 14th while hitting his approach to six feet at the 15th.

Wood had major problems on the back nine -- three-putting the 12th and 13th and driving out of bounds at the 15th as he carded a final-round 70 to finish three-over for the tournament.

"It's a bit of a monkey to get off my back after three years not winning so it's good. At the same time I feel a lot for Chris Wood - he's a young guy, a great player and I've been in his position before."

Wood, who is still seeking a first career title, said his final round was riddled with errors.

"Obviously disappointed and gutted," said Wood, who lost a play-off at the Africa Open in January to British Open winner Louis Oosthuizen.

"It was an extremely tough day on the course and it was a bit of a grind all the way round."

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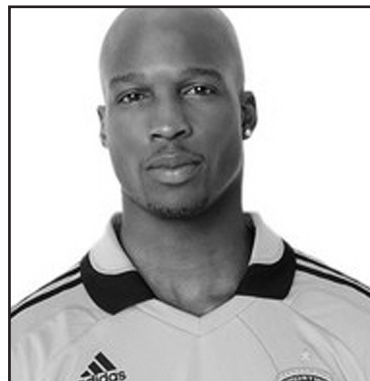
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Ochocinco backs up bull-riding promise



DULUTH, Georgia (AFP) — NFL receiver Chad Ochocinco, a veteran of many outlandish stunts, made good on a vow to ride a 1,500-pound bull on the Professional Bull Riders circuit.

Ochocinco, who wore a helmet but no other protective gear, on Saturday earned \$10,000 for making it out of the chute on the bull Deja Blu.

He was bucked off after 1.5 seconds -- virtually as soon as he left the chute -- but at least avoided being stepped on.

Had he managed to stay

aboard for eight seconds -- the required time for the pro riders to post a score -- he would have won a new Ford pick-up truck and the right to rename the bull.

The challenge from Professional Bull Riders president Sean Gleason began earlier this month with an exchange of tweets.

On Friday, Ochocinco appeared to be regretting accepting Gleason's dare, tweeting NFL Network analyst and Warren Sapp: "Sapp they are huge, fast, quick, powerful and agile in person, big mistake on my part."

Certainly it was a far cry from the other extra-curricular activities Ochocinco has pursued with the NFL, mired in a labor dispute in which owners have locked out players.

In March he had a four-day try-out with Sporting Kansas City of Major League Soccer.

Lightning strike quickly to beat Bruins

BOSTON, Massachusetts (AFP) — The Tampa Bay Lightning struck quickly, scoring three goals in 1:25 in the first period en route to a 5-2 victory over Boston in the first game of the NHL Eastern Conference finals.

With a berth in the Stanley Cup finals on the line in the best-of-seven series, Tampa Bay set the tone early.

Sean Bergenheim, who scored just 14 goals in the regular season, began the burst on Saturday as he scored his NHL-leading eighth of the playoffs at 11:15 of the first period.

Brett Clark added another at 11:34 and Teddy Purcell concluded the burst at 12:40, both with unassisted goals.

Tyler Seguin, the second overall draft selection last year, scored for the Bruins with 4:01 left in the first period in his playoff debut. Seguin got the nod because



Marc-Andre Bergeron of the Tampa Bay Lightning celebrates his third period goal against the Boston Bruins with teammates

Patrice Bergeron was sidelined with a concussion.

The Lightning scored twice in the last seven minutes, Marc Andre Bergeron converting on a power play and Simon Gagne into an empty net, before Boston's Chris Kelly made it 5-2.

Boston will try to even the

series when they host game two on Tuesday.

Both teams were coming off lengthy layoffs after sweeping their previous series. Tampa Bay hadn't played in 10 days and Boston hadn't played in eight.

The Lightning -- the 2004 Stanley Cup champions -- showed no sign of rust, however, taking full advantage of Boston's miscues.

Bergenheim scored after Tim Thomas made a save and Dennis Seidenberg tried to clear the rebound with his right skate after losing his stick.

Instead the puck went right to Bergenheim, who beat Thomas from in front of the crease.

Clark made it 2-0 as he skated up the right, eluded two Bruins and backhanded the puck into the net off Thomas's arm.

The third goal was the result of a giveaway from Bruins defenseman Tomas Kaberle, who lost control of the puck behind his own net.

The Bruins, in the conference finals for the first time since 1992, lost for just the second time in 10 games.

Pete Rose 'still wants to get back' in baseball

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AFP) — Pete Rose, banished from baseball for betting on games, said he would still like to manage in the Major Leagues.

The 70-year-old hits king told a banquet audience that he believes he deserves a second chance after admitting he bet on baseball, something he denied for years.

"I've taken responsibility for my life," Rose said. "Baseball isn't good for second chances - not for gamblers."

"They are for people who take drugs. They are for people who beat up their wives. They are for people who drink a lot of alcohol. I screwed up."

I wish I could change it."

The former Cincinnati Reds player and manager was banned for life in 1989 for betting on baseball games, including his own team's games.

Rose, who turned 70 last month, said he's not concerned with whether his gambling transgressions mean he will never be inducted into the Hall of Fame, despite holding Major League Baseball's record with 4,256 career hits.

"I want to be a manager, that's the only role," Rose said. "But I'm running out of time. I want to teach young players."

Rose was the keynote

speaker at a gala of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, a nonprofit organization working for reform in Ohio's criminal justice system.

The theme of the event was making Cincinnati a city of redemption.

One of the guests among the audience of about 300 was the judge who in 1990 sentenced Rose to five months in jail for failing to report income from gambling on his taxes.

"I don't go to many banquets where I sit with the judge that sent me to prison," Rose said, getting a laugh. "I'm not bitter at anybody. I made the mistake."

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Ward dominates Abraham to reach WBA Super 6 final



Andre Ward of the US celebrates after defeating Arthur Abraham of Germany during their WBA Super middleweight Championship

LOS ANGELES (AFP) — Andre Ward's speed and power proved too much for Arthur Abraham as Ward earned a unanimous 12-round decision over the German to retain his World Boxing Association super middleweight title.

Ward on Saturday also secured his place in the final of the Super Six tournament designed to unify the division's belts. He now awaits the winner of the other semi-final between Carl Froch and Glen Johnson on June 4 in Atlantic City. "We're going to the finals, baby," Ward said.

Ward, a 2004 Olympic gold medalist, improved to 24-0 with 13 knockouts. He displayed his trademark tactical style, methodically wearing down Abraham.

"I wish the ref had let me fight on the inside because that's what I had planned for," Ward said. "But we made adjustments and got the win... I'm going to stay humble. I'm going to keep working hard. I want to be a champion for a long time and take the least amount of punishment possible."

Abraham had started aggressively, rattling Ward with a right hand in the third round.

But Abraham had no response when Ward stepped up the pressure in the fourth.

Armenian-born Abraham, a former International Boxing Federation middleweight champion who had an unblemished record until the Super Six tournament, has now lost three in a row, falling to 32-3.

Fighting in an outdoor ring set up at the Home Depot Center -- a multi-sport complex that is the home of Major League Soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy -- Ward took charge with an array of precision jabs and quick combinations.

Abraham's punches dwindled, as he sought and failed to come up with a knock-out blow.

"I started well, and I thought I did good the first three rounds," Abraham said. "He didn't hit me, and I was blocking a lot of his shots. But then I tried to go for the knock-out, and I couldn't get it," he said.

A vocal contingent of fans from the Los Angeles area's Armenian community turned out to support Abraham, who was fighting in the United States for the third time.

"Arthur is strong and he's a hard hitter, (but) we showed that we can win in a way other than our original game plan," said Ward.

Judge Stanley Christodoulou gave Ward every round, scoring it 120-108.

German judge Ingo Barrabas saw it 118-110 for Ward and American judge James Jen Kin made it 118-111 for Ward.



Russia's Maria Sharapova celebrates with the trophy

ROME, Italy (AFP) — Triple Grand Slam title winner Maria Sharapova won her first tournament in almost a year as she powered past Australia's Samantha Stosur 6-2, 6-4 to

win the Rome International on Sunday.

Sharapova's last title came at the low-key Strasbourg clay-court event on the eve of the 2010 French Open.

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Sharapova beats Stosur to win Rome International

But having beaten world number one Caroline Wozniacki in Saturday's semi-final, Sharapova proved too much for an erratic Stosur.

"I'm so excited to be able to be champion of this tournament," said former world number one Sharapova.

It is good news for the Russian just a week ahead of the start of the French Open, the only Grand Slam she has yet to win and a tournament where she has never been beyond the quarter-finals.

But on her least favourite surface she had too much power for Stosur, finalist at the French Open last year, who racked up the unforced errors throughout the match.

The Australian may be higher in the world rankings but the Russian has far greater pedigree having reached the world number one ranking back in 2005.

Stosur, the sixth seed, was 4-0 down before she managed to hold serve. The Australian started to move Sharapova around and some positive play saw the Russian net a forehand to give up a double break point.

Under pressure again, seventh seed Sharapova sent a defensive lob into the tramlines to give a break back.

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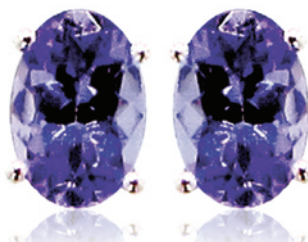


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